

### **Amendments to the Specification**

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Please insert the following text as the Abstract:

#### **Abstract**

The invention relates to polypeptide species secreted in human plasma, isolated polynucleotides encoding such polypeptides, polymorphic variants thereof, and the use of said nucleic acids and polypeptides or compositions thereof for detection assays and disease diagnosis.